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IMPROVEMENTS IN OR  
RELATING TO ABSORPTION  
OF HYDROPHOBIC WATER-  
IMMISCIBLE LIQUIDS



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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In further response to the indication of finality for the Office Action mailed November 6, 1998, applicant submits the following. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the preliminary amendment mailed on September 18, 1998, as well as a copy of the postcard showing receipt of that amendment on September 22, 1998. Applicant notes that the preliminary amendment was filed prior to knowing the serial number on the case, and therefore it was submitted without the serial number and this no doubt contributed to the fact that it did not get matched up with the file. Applicant apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the failure to have the preliminary amendment noted before the issuance of the Office Action. Removal of the finality of the action is again requested.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on February 24, 1999.

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